

Phyllostachys vulgaris

(Painted Bamboo, Striped Bamboo)

Common bamboo is grown naturally throughout the subtropical and tropical regions. Common bamboo has tall deep green culms which grow straight. They are smooth with no teeth or spines and branch. The leaves are linear to lance-shaped and produced in pairs. Flowering in bamboo is unusual, but if the flowers appear they are similar to other grasses grain like flowers and fruits. The process seems to occur between two and seven years of age; many bamboos decline and some die after flowering. Used as screens indoor and outdoor. It prefers full sun and moist well drained soil, but takes drought well. Very fast growing.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Bambou

Pronunciation: bam-BOO-suh vul-GAIR-iss

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: Southeastern Asia

Heat Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12

Uses: Screen, Specimen, Border Plant, Container, Windbreak, Medicinal

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Upright

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Open

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 8 to 15 m

Spread at Maturity: 10 to 15 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Parallel

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Linear

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Glossy, Fine

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Flower Type: Spike

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Flower Color: Green

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Suspected to breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Rough Texture, Colored

Fruit

Fruit Type: Follicle

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Green, Brown

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Leaf Image

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Toxity: Yes

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Cutting, Layering, Rhizomes

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